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From the Baltimore Morning Chronicle.

Spontaneous combustion.—At my mills there was an iron Kettle, used for holding ashes—it had remained with ashes in from the 2th mo. to the 6th mo. at which time flaxseed oil, was by accident spilled into the ashes; in about 24 hours the ashes were found to be on fire, and wishing to have it fully ascertained, whether it was the oil which occasioned the ashes to take fire, I filled a kettle with cold dry ashes, in which I poured a pint of flaxseed oil, and in 24 hours I examined it, and found that, as far as the oil had penetrated, the ashes were in a state of combustion, and, on applying some shavings and chips of wood, it immediately caused them to blaze.

From an apprehension that many buildings have been consumed by fire from the foregoing cause, I have been induced to give publicity to the fact.

JOSEPH ATKINSON.

Ellicott's Patuxent Mills,
22d, 1820.

J. Pickering
Sec^y of War

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Mint of the United States Nov^r 6th 1793.

Sir

The Mint being in Want of Salt Petre for the purpose of refining Gold, and there being some Difficulty in procuring that Article, shall esteem it a particular Favour if Gen^l Pickering will be so obliging as to grant a supply of one Thousand Weight, to be charged to account of the Mint &c

I am Sir, your most o^bd^t

Thos^t Timothy Pickering Esq^r
Sec^y of War &c

and hble Servant
(Signed) Elias Boudinot Director

A. Cox
Assayer

Mint of the United States Nov^r 6th 1793

The Assayer of the Mint will be particularly careful in future, to see that the precious Metals fused for coinage, be made precisely agreeable to the standard of the United States as established by Act of Congress of the 2 April 1792 &c

(Signed) Elias Boudinot Director

Mr Albion Cox Assayer

Mrs Cox

Mint of the United States Nov^r 30th 1793

Madam

Please to send the Key of the Assayers Room, as we mean this Morning to take an Inventory of every thing relative to the precious Metals found therein &c

Be so good as to nominate some Person who may attend on your Behalf, to see that the Inventory is fairly taken, unless you should prefer a personal Attention &c

I am Madam,

Mrs Cox

your very hble Serv^t

(Signed) Elias Boudinot Director

The Secretary
of State.

The Director of the Mint encloses the draught of the Agreement he has entered into with Mr. Deilband for the Copper he mentioned to the Secretary of State, with the two Letters containing Proposals, that the President may see, in what Principles he has acted — It must be also noted, that Mr. Deilband promises to sell what Clippings the Mint may have to dispose of at 1/6, which exceeds the offer of Mr. West, 2 in the pound.

Mint of the U. States }
Decemb: 16 1793 }

Agreement between
Mr. Deilband & the
President.

Articles of Agreement indented, made and concluded upon, this day of December in the year of our Lord 1793, Between Alexander Deilband of the City of Philad^a, Dealer in Copper, of the one part, & Elias Baudinet Director of the Mint of the United States, by & with the consent of the President of the United States, testified by the Approbation hereunto subscribed by his order, of the other part.

Witnesseth

That the S^r Alexander Deilband, for in Consideration of the Covenants & Agreements, herein after mentioned hath lawfully promise & agree to import into the City of Philadelphia from Great Britain, any Quantity of good merchantable english sheet Copper not exceeding twenty Tons, in such Bulk, and of such thickness, as shall be needed by the S^r Elias, or his Successor in Office, for the Use of the S^r Mint, and deliver the same to the S^r Elias, or his Successor in Office, or to his or their order, that is to say, the quantity of ten Tons of the best manufactured sheet Copper by some of the first spring Ships of the Year 1796, and the quantity of ten Tons more, in some of the early fall Ships, of the same Year — And the S^r Alexander shall also deliver to the S^r Elias, or his Successor in Office, for the like Use, within one Week from the date hereof, the quantity of five Tons of good manufactured english sheet Copper of the thickness pointed out to the S^r

Alexander

Agreement between Alexander by the S^r Elias at the Execution of these presents — And the S^r Elias, for and on behalf of the S^t United States, doth hereby promise and engage on the receipt of the S^r several Parcels of Copper, that is to say of each of the S^r Parcels of ten Tons, to pay to the S^r Alexander Dillland, his Executors or Administrators, the Cash price of the S^r Copper at the Manufactory in Great Britain, with the Expence of outside Costs, Insurance, Freight, together with five p^{er} centum Commissions, in full for every Charge or Risque, both in Great Britain & in America, & that in good Bills of Exchange at 60 Days on London, or in Cash at the current Rate of Exchange at the Time of Payment — and in Case of a Delay of Payment beyond ten Days, then to allow Lawfull Interest for the same. And also that the S^r Elias, shall for the five Tons of Copper to be delivered in one Week, well & truly pay to the S^r Alexander Dillland, the original Costs thereof, with the Addition aforesaid, except the Commissions, which shall be at ten p^{er} centum instead of five, to be paid in Manner aforesaid — And the said Alexander Dillland doth hereby promise & agree to import the S^r twenty Tons of Copper as aforesaid at the lowest Cash Price, that any Copper of the like Quality, shall be imported from the Manufactory in Great Britain by any Person whatever, and shall well make every other Charge above mentioned on as reasonable Terms as any other person could do.

In Witness whereof the Parties to these presents have hereunto interchangably set their Hands & Seals the Day & Year first above written.

in Witness whereof
of the said Alexander Dillland

The President of the United States consents to & approves
the above Agreement on the part of the United States.

Mr. Dillland's
Attor. at Law

Elias Boudinot Esq.

Secy.

I have examined with Attention the different
prices of Copper in the English Market for the last 10 Years, viz 1798 it
was 18^d p^{er} lb. at which rate it has continued for a number of Years.

His Excellency's Letter from the Manufacturers dated 3^d Dec^r 92, informs me that it had risen to 11^s. In the Summer of 92 it advanced to 12^s. On the 16th October 92 it rose to 12^s at which price it continued till the 23rd Feb^r 93 when it rose to 14^s. On the 4th Nov^r of the same Year it fell to 13^s, and continued at that price till the 5th March 93 when it fell to 13^s, at which price it still continues. The prices above stated, are Money prices.

I will engage to supply any quantity of the best manufactured Copper that comes from England perfectly agreeable to the orders given, at the Manufacturers' Cash price with the addition of outside Cases, Portage, Insurance & Freight with 5th Cent Commission, which shall be in full for every Charge of that kind both here & in England, previous the Payment on delivery of the Copper in 60 day Bills on London, or Cash at the current rate of Exchange. Upon Condition that the above Offer is accepted, I will furnish you with the whole or any part of the Copper I have on hand on the following terms—

100 lb Copper	13 ^s	£ 5-3-4
Insurance	3 ^d 6 th	3-3
Freight		1-6
Proportion of Cases, portage &c		1-—
		5-14-1
Exchange 66 2/3		3-16-0 2/3
		9-10-1 2/3
Commission 10 2/3		19-—
		10-9-1 2/3

I could furnish this Copper only on my knowing immediately that it was to be taken—It is now late in the Season, and without that knowledge, I should not be able to place it in the Spring which would derange my Apartment, and throw my Sales at one side.

I am Yours &c

Philad^a 12th Dec^r 1795

(signed)

Alexander Biltland

Phil^a December 15th 1795.

George Westcott
Letter to the President

Elias Boudinot Esq.

Sir,

Agreeable to your desire, I have the Pleasure of informing you that I will import any kind of Copper that may be ordered by you, on a Commission of 5 p^{cts}. The Amount of the Invoice to be paid in sixty Days after the arrival, at the current Rate of Exchange —

I will furnish at this time any kind of Copper about the thickness of a Cent, at two Shillings & six pence pth — I think I have about five Tons — I will take your clean copper b^lppings at one Shilling & two pence pth —

I am very respectfully

Your O^bd^t Serv^t

[Signed] George Westcott

The Secretary
of State.

Min^{ty} of the United States, Dec^r 22^d 1795.

Agreeable to the Hint contained in your favour of Yesterday, I will negative the intended Agreement with Mr. Bildsand, altho' I fear it will in the End prove injurious to the Interest of the United States — I cannot pretend to mercantile Knowledge, especially to that of the Purveyors, but from my own personal Experiments, and from the one made by Mr. Pinkney, I am satisfied we shall never import it cheaper. I have conversed with the Purveyor who is confident it may be done, and of so, I think it would be very prudent to authorize the Purveyor to do it — I have consulted some of our first Merchants at the Bank, who inform me that we shall not be able to get it on more reasonable terms, therefore if the Purveyor can save us two p^{cts}. it will be a considerable sum in twenty Tons — I am willing to make any Experiments the President will direct — I fear we shall want Copper this Winter, unless we continue to give 2 1/2 p^{cts} which is the lowest I can get it at, independent of a Contract —

Enclosed you have the Expense of Importation of a Quantity purchased by Mr. Pinkney on the Spot —

The Secretary of
State

As I have a Ten of Cents ready in a Day or two to be sent to the Treasury of the United States, I submit the propriety of issuing a Reclamation of the Reduction to 7 Pennyweight each Cent, previous thereto as most conformable to the Spirit of the Act of Congress.

On considering the expensive Establishment of the Mint, and the Means for reducing it, I am inclined to think a great deal might be done in future, by importing the twenty Tons of Copper Plate in blanks ready for striking & thereby prevent the Loss in Clippings, as well as the additional price of Labor in cutting them.

Another considerable saving may be made in purchasing Bills at the present low rate of Exchange which would be equal to 69 C on the par of Exchange.

I have the Honor to be

Sir, your M^{ts} Serv^t

(Signed) Elias Boudinot Director

Invoice of Copper
purchased by Mr
Treasury

Invoice of 30 Cases of Copper dated London 10th Aug^r 1793 marked P. N^o 1 830 bought of Messrs Taylor & Bailey and shipped at London on the Regent, Capt Leeley for Philadelphia.

Weight 7-11-6-7¹¹ 2 L 126 P Ten L \$ 1264-4
Charges of Shipping &c - 25-17
Sterling L 1230-1

Invoice of 9 Cases of Copper dated 26th Sept. 1793

marked P. N^o 129, bought of Messrs Taylor and Bailey & shipped at London on board the Merchant

Capt. Allen for Philadelphia - Weight - 3-13-1-25 213¹/₄ P 4 L 462-17-7¹/₂

Charges of Shipping &c - 10-00 - 472-17-7¹/₂
Sterling L 1702-18-7¹/₂

Dollars 21¹/₂ each 7568-58

Freights of 30 Cases - 65-89

L^y of 9 d^{rs} - 19-84

Dollars - 7654-31

Mint of the United States Feb 19th 1796.The Secretary
of the Treasury

Sir

The Credits to the Treasurer of the Mint in the Bank of the United States, for the contingent Expenses of the Institution being wholly expended, I am under the Necessity of asking for the Sum of four Thousand Dollars, under the late Appropriation for those Purposes — Also for the Sum, Three Thousand two Hundred & fifty one Dollars and seven Cents, to pay for Copper purchased for the Use of the Mint, agreeably to the enclosed Account allowed by the President.

I have the Honour to be with Sentiments of the greatest Respect

Sir,

Your M^{te} Serv^t

(Signed) Elias Boudinot Director

Mr. Will^m L. CollmanMint of the United States 1st March 1796

Sir

Being intrusted with the Direction of the Mint of the United States of America, I find it will be necessary to have a constant supply of Copper for the purpose of the Copper Coinage — This may amount to 30 or 40 Tons & Annam — hitherto we have sometimes imported from England, sometimes purchased here, but I have lately received the President's Orders to import it myself from the cheapest Markets I can find — I have had Proposals from Germany, Sweden & the Hans Towns, but I am encouraged to make the experiment of an application to you, by the Recommendation of our mutual Friend Mr. Thomas Clifford of this City, who assures me that in this Way, my Export will be to the fountain Head, and that you will supply me on the very best Terms, without charging any Commission. As I propose to send the Cash with my Order, I shall expect to have the Benefit of a Measure that must lessen the Difficulties of a Communication of this Nature — As I am inexperienced in Negotiations of this kind, and have no certainty of the Terms on which you will engage in this Supply, I mean to commence our acquaintance

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Wm. J. Coleman

with a Request, that you will ship me as Director of the Mint of the United States on public account, ten Tons of select Copper of the best Quality, precisely according to the enclosed page — This is a Term that must be strictly attended to, without which it would be useless to us.

I have sent to our Agent for Claims, Samuel Dayard Esq my Nephew, a Bill of Exchange drawn by James Crawford on Geo. Barclay & Co Esq for £1250 Sterling payable 60 Days, which I hope will be somewhere about the sum; at all Events you can send out the quantity this Bill will pay for — I must beg you will not omit improving the first Vessel in the spring, and advise me of it by other Opportunities — You will not fail to make the proper Insurance, covering the whole Expense —

These Orders are subject to this Exception — — If you can ship this Copper (instead of being in Sheets) in Planchets of the size enclosed having, so as to weigh exactly seven Pennyweights, cleaned ready for striking, at a moderate advance, it might greatly increase my Order — That I may be properly advised on this Subject, if you find it will not delay the Exportation too long, you may send any part of the ten Tons in these Planchets you may think proper, as I am desirous of falling on the cheapest Mode of Importation — This is an Object that I have much at Heart, that the Government may have no Reason to complain that they are not served on the most reasonable Terms —

Mr Dayard will wait on you with this, and give you every Information on this Head you may find further necessary —

If I find that you can supply me on Terms that will answer my Expectations, you may depend on further Orders by the first Opportunity after I am advised of the Success of this Application —

I have the honor to be with due Respect

Sir, your Obedt Servt

(Signed) Elias Boudinot

Samuel Bayard Esq^r

Dear Sir

The Vessel having been detained till this Time, I have an Opportunity of again acquainting you of our Health & Welfare. The President has expressed a Desire that I should attempt an Impostation of Copper and settle a Correspondence in Europe for that Purpose, as he has been assured that I can get the Copper at the cheapest Rate, without paying any Commission, by applying at the fountain Head. I have had many Offers from Poland, Hamburgh, Germany &c. but I have a Mind to make the first Experiment in England, and if I am pleased with their Terms, I will go no farther.

I have obtained a Letter of Recommendation (which I enclose) from Mr. Clifford of this City, to his Son in Law Mr. William J. Cottonman who is a Proprietor and one of the Directors of the Paris Mine Company. I expect he will supply me at the very lowest Price, with the usual Allowance for ready Money, especially as I expect to be a constant Customer, and that it will be shipped without a Commission. You have also seen with a first Bill of Exchange drawn by James Crawford on Geo. Barclay & Co^{rs} Ex^{rs} 60 Days for £1250 Sterling which I design to pay for ten Tons, being my first Experiment, tho I fear I shall want a much larger Quantity.

I shall then beg the Favour of you to call on Mr. Cottonman, and if he will undertake this Supply on the most reasonable Terms, pay this last Bill on acct of what he shall send out. It must be in the very first Vessel and precisely of the Thickness & Size of the enclosed Planchets, of regularity and rolled very even. If you find that he cannot supply me, on the best Terms, shall I beg the Favour of you to apply elsewhere — perhaps you would succeed best at Birmingham, particularly on the following consideration. I have had it in Contemplation to import the Copper in Planchets of the precise Size & Weight of the enclosed, instead of Shells in order to save the Shipings & Freight — But this would depend on the additional Price — if it could be done for 10 or 12 Penn^{ts} advance, I would at least try five Tons in that way for an Experiment.

I should also be glad to know whether it would be worth while to send back the Clippings. To ascertain this, I must be informed of the price they would allow, they paying all Duties, Expenses &c. after the arrival in England, I would pay the Freight & Insurance from hence, but every thing else to be paid by them. — I have about 15 or 20 Tons of

100 Clippings

Samuel Bayard.

Clippings & rough Copper now by me — I trouble you with this business for want of having a settled Correspondent of the Mint in London — I confess this business of the Importation is wholly against my opinion, as I think it generally best for Merchants to do every thing of this kind, but the President having been advised that it is a proper thing, and having requested it, I must comply —

I am &c &c

D. Sir

The above is a copy of my last, which I hope has got safe to hand — Nothing new has turned up since worthy of communicating, excepting that I have this moment rec'd your favour of the 30th Nov^r via New York —

If Mr. Cottonian should not agree to supply me in the manner expected, Mr. Samuel Smith has recommended a Mr. W. G. of Bristol —

I am as always

Yours most affectly

Signed Elias Boudinot

Philad^a 1st March 1796

Wm. Cottonian

Mr. William C. Cottonian

Dear Sir

This will be forwarded by Elias Boudinot Esq^r Director of the Mint, and is intended to introduce him to your Copper Company as a Correspondent deserv'g of every attention — Our Government have occasion for considerable quantities of Copper, and being desirous of supplying themselves upon the best Terms, have authorized him to import what they want — I believe it is their Intention to make immediate Payment for what they order, but if at any Time their Orders should exceed what they have provided Funds for, I wish the Company to understand they will be perfectly safe in executing any Orders Mr. Boudinot may give them — as Government will have occasion for considerable regular Supplies I mean to make the best of Payment, they will expect to be supplied on the very best Terms & don't let your Company will do the business to Satisfaction —

I am with due Regard, yours affectly

Thomas Clifford

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West of the United States, March 15th 1796

Sir

The President
of the
United States

I have carefully examined the Model & Explanation, for melting
the Edges of Coin, which I had the Honor of receiving by your Order under
Cover from Mr. Dandridge.

I am happy to report as the Result of that Examination, that
the Machine at present in Use at the Mint, is more simple, more efficient,
and much less expensive, both as to original Cost, and Labour in its
operation, than the one proposed by Mr. Guyer — Indeed I believe that
it is scarcely possible to invent a more simple Mode of accomplishing this part
of the coinage Business, with equal Expectation of Perfection.

I have the Honor to be with the most perfect Esteem

Sir, your most obedient & very Able Servant

(Signed) Elias Boudinot

Samuel Bayard
Esq.

Philadelphia, March 6th 1796

My dear Sir

I lately wrote you by the Post, Capt. Kemp, & send you
Bills for the Purchase of ten Tons of Copper, and also a small Box with about 18
Pounds of new Coin as a Matter of Courtesy. In that Letter I requested
your Application to Mr. W. D. Colman of London who had been recommended to
me by Mr. Clifford of this Town, as the most proper Person to engage in a perma-
nent Contract for the Supply of the Mint. I enclosed a Letter to him from
Mr. Clifford, and one ^{from} myself, Copies of which you have received. If the above
Letter does not get to hand before this, do keep his sending the Copper by the
first Ship. If Mr. Colman should refuse to supply me on such Terms
as you shall think advantageous, do apply elsewhere, and if you can get five
Tons of it in Planchets of the Size of those sent you, weighing exactly seven
Pennyweights, at a reasonable advance, say 10 P^{ts} on the pound Weight, I
should be much obliged. For your Information I must inform you that
the Copper I have lately purchased here, I gave 13th Sterling per lb, with the
addition of Freight, Insurance, Portage &c, with 10 P^{ts} on the whole
for breaking the selling Department & laying out of my Money — This
Premium is what the President wishes to get rid of — Indeed it made the
Price very moderate, and got the Bills at 57th P^{ts} Exchange.

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Samuel Bayard

It is at the President's Request that I give you this
Trouble, for, the Inspiration by ourselves, is much against my Opinion
as I think Merchants are the most proper Persons to import For-
eign Goods — The Copper, if in Sheets must all be of the exact
Size, or it will be in vain to send it —

I have not rec^d any farther News from Mr. A —
The Coins I sent you by Capt. Kemp were, an Eagle — half Eagle —
two Dollars — two half Dollars — two Dimes — two half Dimes —
I send them to get towards paying for the Devices
commemorative of Mr. Bradford's Death, at the same Time, wishing
to show you what we are about at the Mint —

The Bills I sent you by the Factor were, one on
Geo. Barclay & Co drawn by James Bradford, for \$1250000. on
Ac^t. of the Purchase of Copper for the Mint of the United States —
the other on Harrison & Co drawn by Philip Nicklin & Co for
\$250000. on my own Ac^t. to be carried to my Credit, & for
which I shall draw on you hereafter —

The third Bill for the \$1250 you have enclosed

I am my dear Sir

with great Sincerity

Your very affec^t

(signed)

Elias Boudinot

Samuel Bayard Esq^r

Bayard's order
to Mr. Wright
Chief Clerk

The Director of the Mint has attended to the
Chief Coiner's Representation of this Day, and can only say, that
nothing can or will be required of him, that is inconsistent with
the Duty of his Office — The Director is totally unacquaint
ed with the original Cause, that has created the confusion
in the Delivery of the 1st Oct. last, but whatever the Chief
Coiner has rec^d. of Bullion, ought to be receipted for, as on the
Day of Delivery — On an Inspection into the Books of the Mint,
it appears that when the Chief Coiner shall receive 1269 1/2 ^{oz} of
Silver from the Litharge of Mr. Vaughan's 60 Bars at the Fur-
nace, he ought to give a Receipt on the Warrant of 1st Oct.

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Director notes to the Chief Coiner
for 12,407^{to}..⁷ he having rec^d. so much of Mr. Vaughans Silver.
Note the Note of 3537^{to}..⁷ The Director can know nothing of it
in his official Capacity, this being a private Transaction in Mr
Vaughans individual Capacity, which he must settle as any other
Dealings of his own. The Director trusts that in future, the
Chief Coiner will be careful to give Rec^d for all Bullion re-
ceived immediately on Receipt, and never to receipt for any
not actually received.

April 1st 1796

The Secretary
of the Treasury

Sir

Mint of the U. States 7th April 1796

I have made a Purchase of 2400 Lbs of sheet Copper for
the Mint, which will amount to 718⁷⁵ Dollars. I will be much
obliged by your furnishing the Treasurer of the Mint with that Sum.
I am &c

(Signed) Elias Boudinot Dⁿ

Samuel Bayard
Esq^r

Dear Sir

Mint of the U. States July 22nd 1796

I have had the Pleasure of receiving your
two last Letters relative to the Copper Swindle for. The price asked
by the copper Company, far exceeds that of Mr Bolton, who has
offered to ship the Planchets of the best Copper at 12^{1/2}¢. I hope
therefore you have agreed with him, and that they are shipped
per this. In one of my last Letters I hinted that if possible
the whole ten Tons might be sent in Planchets, which if my Letter
get to hand in time, I hope is ordered.

You have now enclosed the first Bill of Exchange
drawn by James Crawford on George Barclay & Co^{es} Esq^s London
for the Sum of £ 1237¹⁰ Sterl. payable in 60 Days, on account
of the Mint, which I hey may be paid to the Person with whom you
have agreed, (if it has been at the 12^{1/2}¢ offered by Mr Bolton) for the
Purpose of shipping one ten Tons more of Planchets by the next
fall Vessel, to be insured as the former.

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Samuel Bayard.

I shall endeavour to send Bills from time to time for a Shipment in the Spring and Fall regularly, unless any should turn up to prevent it contrary to my Expectation of which I will endeavour to give early Notice.

You have also enclosed an Order from the Treasurer for a Ballance due to the Mint from Mr. Pinckney, which I beg you will receive, if he has not left England, & I apply as you do the Bills — If the Ballance is not right according to Mr. Pinckney's account, receive it as he shall say is right, and let me know the sum — I am sorry to give you all this Trouble, but I cannot avoid it, till I know that there is an Agreement made & a Correspondence settled.

I am anxiously waiting the Arrival of the Plantations as we are out of Copper & the hands often idle.

Enclosed you have the Directions about the Dollars I mentioned in my private Letter, which I wish you could get sent out to us by the first fall Vessel — I am suspicious it cannot be done without leave, but this I think may be got thro' our Minister — or if not perhaps some of the Birmingham Merchants may choose to receive them.

I am my dear Sir

Yours very affly

Elas Brindist Dm.

[Signature]

Hon^{ble} Thomas
Pinckney Esq^r

Dear Sir

Mint of the U^{td} States 27th July 1796

On settling the accounts of the Mint of the U^{td} States, I find a Ballance remaining in your Hands of \$202-4-11^{1/2} in favour of the Mint, arising on a sum of money sent you in the year 1794 & as I am now importing a Quantity of Copper from London on public Account, and expect you will be about leaving that City, I have taken the Liberty to draw on you for the above Ballance, payable to Samuel Bayard Esq^r who will apply it towards the Copper ordered out — Enclosed you have an Abstract of the of the Account which you will be pleased to correct if wrong, and pay the real Ballance only on the Order sent to Mr. Bayard — I have the honour to be with the greatest Respect

Dear Sir, your very ob^d & Aff^l Serv^t

Elas Brindist Dm.

Secretary of State

Mint of the United States
Oct. 3rd 1796.

Dear Sir

When I entered on the Directorship of the Mint, I found a temporary Melter & Refiner, employed by the Month

I have now for one Year experienced the Inconvenience of so important & responsible an Office being executed in this uncertain Way. It is highly dangerous as well to the United States as to Depositors, and I am clearly of Opinion that the public Interest requires an immediate Appointment of a Melter & Refiner to the Mint, by Commission from the President. I should long have given this Information, had I not thought myself inadequate to determine this Matter without Experience. Experience has convinced me that the Mint has suffered from this temporary Office. I have the Honour to be

Dear Sir, with the greatest Respect
Your Obedt. Servt.

Signed/ Elias Boudinot

The Secretary of State

Wm. J. C. C. C.

Mint of the United States
Oct. 20th 1796.

Sir

Your favours of the 4th of June and 12th July came safe to Hand — Answers to which I purposely delayed till the Coffee arrived, which happened a few days ago by the Rebecca and has been rec^d at the Mint agreeable to Invoice — I am sorry to inform you that we were much disappointed on examining the Blanchetts — They are so badly executed that the principal Design we had in directing them to be cut & finished as mentioned in my Letter of the 1st March last that the Blanchetts must be cleaned ready for striking; but these are cut out of coarse rolled sheet Copper, and almost as rough as sheet Iron — and as we have them all to clean & scour there is almost as much Expense in wiring as before — They are charged at three pence half higher than we have been offered them at, from your Side of the Water, made out of the fine tough Copper

Wm. J. Collman.

hot & fine cold rolled, the Surface clear, bright & cleaned ready for the
Press — This makes a material Difference in the Expence attending
the Comage as to be worth attending to ~

I have ordered a parcel of these Manchester to be
cleaned, annealed & coined, but they are but barely passable, arising
from the rough State of the Copper, and the Convexity of one side
of the Manchester ~

It would have given me great Pleasure to have
continued our Supply from your Company having had a good Com-
pensation from the Recommendation of your Friends here, but there
is a necessity of our Coms being better executed than they can pos-
sibly be from the Specimen sent us, and but little Expence will
be avoided by Manchester, unless they can be better executed —
The sheet Copper we are obliged to have all rolled over again, which
adds exceedingly to the Expence, Labour being very high at present.

Enclosed you have a first Bill of Exchange on
Samuel Bayard Esq^r of London for £87..17..3 Sterl. drawn
by myself at 60 Days, being the Balance due to you for
this Importation ~

I have the honour to be with great Respect

Sir, your shed^d & Aff^l Serv^t

(Signed) Elias Boudinot

Mr Wm J. Collman

P.S. I rec^d a Line from Mr Gunston, sent^d to the
Gov^r of the Copper Mines, to which the above will serve as an
Answer ~

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Min't of the U. States April 26 1797.

Sam^l Maynard Esq^r

My dear Sir

I rec^d your favour of 9th Feb^y and am sorry for the Trouble I have given you with Regard to the Purchase of Copper for the Mint. Necessity has no Law - I could not avoid it - In my last I intended to have been explicit with Regard to the copper Planchettes, as I requested that the whole Monies in your Hands might be sent out in them, as we were out of Employ for want of them - The only direction I left you was, as to the Person of whom they were to be purchased - I beg that Mr Boulton may immediately send out 15 Tons of Planchettes of the Kind he has expressed in his Letter, by the first Vessel, besides what are on the way, which he will get insured. You will be as good as to pay him the Ballance of the Monies in your Hands and I will on Receipt of the Planchettes, now on the way, remit him Bills to complete the Payment of the 15 Tons as to be shipped. I have ordered Insurance to be made on the £600.^s worth now expected -

I am &c
(signed) Elias Boudinot

Min't of the U. States 5 June 1797

Sam^l Maynard Esq^r Dear Sir

I am greatly mortified that we have not yet heard a word from Mr Boulton relative to the copper Planchettes so long since sent for. We are now quite idle as to Copper, and shall remain so until it arrives. Enclosed go have a Letter to Mr Boulton, with Bills of Exchange to him of £1340 - Sterl. as at foot, which with the Bills heretofore sent of £1250 - Sterl. makes up £2600 - Sterl. which after deducting the £37 - 17 - 8 paid to Mr. Colman, and the Money paid for the Planchettes on the way, I have requested may be immediately sent out in Planchettes by the very first Vessel without unnecessary Delay -

I am with great Regard

Dear Sir

your very H^{ble} Serv^t

(signed) Elias Boudinot

1 Set of Bills of Exchange - William & Francis on J^{rs} & Co. 60 Days £1000 -

1 Do - - - - - E. B. on S. B. - 30 - - - 120 -

1 Do - - - - - James Guthrie on Wm. B. - 30 - - - 270 -

£1390 Sterl

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Mont of the 11th June 5th 1797

Sir,

Mathew Boulton Esq

This Mr Bayard I have been favoured with your proposals relative to copper planchets, and accordingly remitted Money to pay for the first Quantity sent for, to make Royal preparative to a regular & constant supply. I have been extremely mortified at the Want of punctuality in sending them out, having depended upon them — am left without an ounce of copper, and our Hands all idle as to the copper Coinage. The first delay proceeded from a Hesitation about the Rise in the price of sheet Copper; but what can delay this spring Importation, I cannot conceive.

I have written to Mr Bayard to pay you £1390. Sterling as soon as you shall be able to furnish the planchets, which with the Balance remaining due of what was formerly sent, I hope will be shipped without the last unnecessary delay of the size and quality before mentioned. — I should be glad of at least fifteen Tons if you have them ready — if not, let them be shipped at two different Times as they can be got ready.

If any Balance should remain due to you, it shall be remitted immediately. If what you send shall suit us, you may expect to supply us with that Quantity Spring & Fall. I hope to hear from you by the first Opportunity from London or Bristol — You will please to get enclosed whatever you send.

I am Sir

Your Obedt. & Affct. Serv^t

(Signed) Elias Boudinot

Minst. of the United States 15th July 1797

Samuel Mayan
Dear Sir

The Disappointment I have met with in not receiving the Branches from Mr Boulton has been very mortifying indeed - It is now near twelve Months since the Cash for them was remitted, and we are at this Moment, with twelve or fifteen Branches totally idle for want of them. I am convinced from this Conduct, as well as from what you say of him in your last, that he is not a person on whom we ought to depend - I must therefore beg you will yet continue your Services in this Respect to the Government, till we can make a Contract with the Govt and Company of the copper Mines &c. to supply us with them ready cleaned, and I will take fifteen Lms. Spring & Fall, always remitting them the Money before hand -

I should be glad if you have sent my last Letter to Mr Boulton & paid all the Money remitted to the Govt &c.

I did not receive my Brownmangery till the beginning of June after my House was done, writing to Mr Holland & not writing a Line to me or their House, and the Cash could not be known by any Direction on it, and you informed me that it was shipped by the Franklin instead of the Fame - However I have now got it & will make the best of it, as its charged at a very reasonable Rate

(Signed) Elias Boudinot

P.S. I wrote you this Day by Mr Morfhat to Amsterdam which he has promised to forward to you without Delay he hopes to see you before his Return - He is an excellent Character & will be worthy your Notice

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Mont of the Minutes 8th Decr 1777

Dear Sir

I have the Pleasure of acknowledging the Receipt of
 28 C^{ts} of copper Stanchets from Mr Boulton, by the Adonia, &
 23 C^{ts} from the Gov^t & C^{ts} of copper Miners by the William Penn,
 sent via N York
 the Duplicate by
 the W^m Penn
 with your obliging favour of the 7th June by the Packet, advising of
 the intended Shipment for Insurance, which weaved in the last
 by its arriving a few Days after your Letter

I am exceedingly pleased with the Stanchets from Mr Boulton
 being exactly the thing we wanted - They are well executed and
 done in all things like a workman; but those from the Gov^t & C^{ts}
 were nearly the same as formerly and gave us the Trouble of allowing
 9 melting them over before they could be struck - They were charged
 at £ 11-6^d Ten higher than Mr. Boulton's, and were at least £ 11-
 6^d Ten more executed. If therefore Mr. Boulton could be induced
 to ship one about 20 Tons every Spring & fall, in a Proportion
 in Ships sailing at different Ports of the Year, to the amount
 of 40 Tons of them with punctuality, and ^{not} copper not to be left with-
 out a Supply, he may depend on as punctual Remittances of
 the amount in good Bills at 60 Days

If he will engage to do this, you may pay him the
 Balance in your Hands, on account of Bills sent you for the
 purchase of copper; but if he will not engage to this punctuality,
 rather than be exposed to Disappointments, I would prefer en-
 gaging with the Gov^t & C^{ts} if they would have them cut without
 a round Edge on one Side, and have them properly cleaned. If they
 were run thro' the melting Engine, it would give them the proper
 Edge for striking - but I cannot conceive why Mr Boulton
 would not undertake the Supply, as he may depend on constant
 Remittances

Be so good not to pay the Gov^t & C^{ts} a small Balance
 of £ 7-3-10 until due to them before you pay the Balance over
 As you will leave England in the Spring I must
 beg the favour of you to put this Business on such a footing with Mr
 Boulton if possible, that in future I may correspond with him in
 the Subject, and know from him how I shall direct the delivery
 The Stanchets received from Mr Boulton, and
 began on the Beginning of November, were as well done,
 that

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that they are all coined, while those rec^d by the William Penn, about the same time, are not yet all cleaned fit for use -

I have the honor to be with great respect

Dear Sir

Your obliged Hble Serv^t

P.S. I will in a short time forward on, a set of exchange to add to what is in your hands for Mr Beulton.

(signed) Elias Boudinot Director

Mint of the United States, Jan^y 17th 1798.

Dear Sir

Sam Bayard Esq
for W Penn

I lately wrote you by the way of N. York, since which, nothing has happened worth mentioning - Let me again request the favour of your determining for me decidedly, whether I may depend on Mr Beulton's supplying me with Blankets by every Vessel that sails for this Port, to the amount of 40 or 50 Lons ft^s annum. These he has sent are so superior to those rec^d from the copper mine Company, that it becomes an object with us - We have not heard any thing of the Rollers - Will you be so good as to bring with you about 500 lb of Steel in bars, clear of flaws fit for Dies, of two by one half Inch square (best Crawley & Millington Steel is preferable) and 100 Black lead melting Pots for melting silver of the best quality, of N^o 15.

If Mr Beulton will engage to supply us regularly, you will be so good as to pay him on our whatever balance may be in your hands in favour of the Mint - With sentiments of the regard and esteem

Remain Dear Sir.

Your most obed^t
and Hble Serv^t

(signed) Elias Boudinot Dir^r

Samuel Bayard Esq.

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Philad^a. Kent of the States
July 10th 1798.

Sir

Matth^o Boulton

P^r the Manchester

Duplicate

P^r the Adriana

Expecting Mr Bayard would not leave London as
soon as he did, I write him to settle with you decidedly, a Plan
for a constant Supply of proper Blanchetts; but I find he had
left London before its arrival — Since that date I have
rec^d by the Manchester sixty five Cashes of Blanchetts but with-
out Invoice or Rec^t. which I hope Mr Bayard will be able to
furnish me with —

These Blanchetts are just as I wished them, and answer
every purpose we expected — In future I shall hope for a regular
Supply in such Quantities as you can furnish by every convenient
Opportunity, so as to make up about 40 or 50 C^{ts} per Flum. I shall
keep a direct Correspondence with you, and wish for your Address, &
Information of the best Means of Communication —

Your Remittances shall be punctual, and if at any time
by Accident they should be delayed, it shall be made good by the Al-
lowance of Interest — I wish to have every Shipment insured,
or such Advice given me as to get Insurance made here —

If the Request would not be improper, I should be much
obliged by particular Instructions for the hardening of Dies, for
altho' we have them tolerably well done, yet our Loss in them is
much greater than I can think necessary — If I could obtain a
Shipment of half a Ton of the best Steel for making of Dies, I should
be much obliged — When I see Mr Bayard who is arrived at New York
I shall be informed of the state of my Rec^t. with you.

In Expectation of hearing from you by the first opportunity
I remain

Sir, Yours &c. &c.

Elias Boudinot Direct^r

Matthew Boulton Esq^r

Matthew Boulton

New Jersey 3rd Oct. 1798

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Matthew Boulton,
Sir

Via N York
P Packet

Duplicate P

Being on a jaunt through this State, having left Philad^a on Act^d of the prevailing Epidemic, I have rec^d a Bill of Exchange for £400 Sterling which I think best to remit to you by this Packet, on Act^d of the Mint of the U States, being in hopes that you have evⁿ this, sent me a farther supply of copper Planchetts agreeably to my several Letters, sent by different Convoys from Philad^a. The Bill is the first of the sett drawn by Han^d D^r Aquino of the Island of Jamaica on Mess^{rs} Stiles, Rebelle & Co Merchants in London for £400 Sterl. payable in 90 Days, dated 17th May last to the order of David Moore Esq^r and endorsed by him to Lewis Pintard or order, and by him to you — You will be as good as to carry this sum in Payment to the Credit of the Mint, and whatever Balance shall still be due for late Shipments shall be remitted as soon as I get into Health again — I must beg that you will not disappoint me again, or a constant Supply of copper Planchetts from time to time as Opportunity offers

I have the Honor to be

Sir,

Your very H^{ble} Serv^t

(signed) Chas Boudinot, D. M.

W^m J. Cullman

Sir

Philad^a Nov^r 28th 1798.

Mr Clifford has shown me a Letter from you relative to the copper Planchetts furnished by the Company to the Mint of the U States. It would give me great Pleasure to continue our Connection, could the Mint be supplied by the Company on equal Terms as others do — which the public Interest requires my attention to.

Duplicate
The Officers

I rec^d a Shipment from Mr Boulton via Liverpool about the same Time I rec^d one from you — His consisted of 38-3-21, and cost £12 Sterl. less than yours of 33-5-24, and were incomparably better Copper & better Workmanship — His went immediately to the Mints without the least Preparation; we were obliged

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Matthew Boulton

Edm. Cartwright

to clean in Vitriol & mill yours before the could be struck. The Difference lay in his being rolled hard, though polished Rollers, were all milled, annealed & cleaned in Ag. Fortis — Yours were rolled soft through unpolished Rollers, & of course the Surfaces were rough, convex & concave, not milled or cleaned, so that before we could strike them we had to pass them through Vitriol & to mill them, which from their being soft rather increased their Convexity, and at last they were scarcely passable — In order that you may judge of them better than by any written Description, I send you by this Opportunity two Planchets of each Importation.

If you can on Examination furnish me with another Shipment that will answer our purpose, I should be glad to make the Experiment, as I am very desirous of the Connection. It would suit me much better if Mr Clifford could authorized to receive the Cash for the Amount here, as then no delay would take place & the Money should be paid on Sight, or even in Advance if necessary.

I have the Honor to be with great Respect.

Sir,

Your Obed^t & Aff^d Serv^t

(signed) Elias Boudinot

P.S. I should wish Insurance to be done in London on every Shipment, or timely Advice given to have it done here.

Matthew Boulton Esq

West of the U.S. Jan^y 16th 1799.
The following are Copies of my two last Letters of which I forwarded Dup^s & Trip^s — I am yet without any Advice from you relative to further Shipments — I must beg you will not omit sending me a quantity of Planchets by the very first Op^ort, tho it should be but a few Tons, as I am again without any to press in Business — Your next Letter I hope will be decisive as to the Supplies we may expect — With much Respect I remain Sir, Your Obed^t & Aff^d Serv^t.

(signed) Elias Boudinot

* for which see pp 22 & 23.

Matthew Boulton

Mint of the U. States, 26th. March 1799.

Matthew Boulton Esq.

Sir

P^r the Packet
via N. York.

I had the honor of writing you of the Dates of July 10th Oct. 3^d & January 10th last; but have not been favoured with a Line in Answer — I am at a Loss to know the reason of your Silence, as we are totally out of of Planchets, and of course many of our Hands must be idle unless we can receive an immediate Supply — The Coffee Company in England had offered to supply us constantly; but I preferred the Planchets rec^d from you, as they fully answered my purpose. I therefore wished an explicit Answer from you, whether I might depend upon a punctual Supply from you three or four times a Year, amounting to 30.40 or 30 Tons of P^lan. — I sent you in my Letter of 3. Oct. a Bill of Exchange for £450 Sterl. drawn by Mess^{rs} D. Aguilon of the Island of Jamaica on Mess^{rs} Alvaro Rebello & C^o. Merchants in London, but am not advised of the Receipt of it, tho' of so long a Date. I now enclose you the first Bills of three Sets of Exchange drawn by David Stewart & Sons of Baltimore, on Brickwood & Daniel Merchants in London dated Feb^y. 18th 1799 payable to David Stewart and endorsed to you by Ben^g. Rush Treasurer of the Mint for the Sum of £1150. Sterl. payable in 90 Days, which I beg you will carry to the Credit of the Mint, in hopes that Planchets at least to this amt. are on the Way —

I must beg to hear from you — If first Opportunity, and am
Tr. your Obed^t H^{ble} Serv^t.

Duplicate

Philad^a April 22^d 1799.

Sir

P^r Ship Douglas

Matthew Boulton

The foregoing is a Duplicate of my last to you with the Difference of covering the second Set of Exchange therein mentioned. Since which, as late as Friday I was honoured with your favour of the 20th Inst. which gave me great Satisfaction as I could not rest for your long Silence.

Duplicate

P^r Ship Delaware
Capt. Clay.

I am much pleased with you but of the Improvements you are making in the art of printing & especially in preventing Counterfeits meeting with Success, as they are the Vermin of Society — If you should be of opinion that any thing you chose to communicate under the strongest obligation of Secrecy would be of public Service, you may depend on my Integrity on this head — I should esteem it a very particular Mark of your
Y^r Obed^t H^{ble} Serv^t.

Middleton

Confidence & Reverence if you would give me any Instructions relative to the Principles of the Machinery used in coining — For altho' we are on the small Scale, yet tens as a young People, it is a matter of great consequence as our Specie bears a proper Proportion to our Numbers — We use the common Peoples with Loaves that go by manual Labour, excepting that as to small Coin & Cents, the People is fed by Means of a Hopper instead of being put under by Hand — We strike about half a Million of Dollars in Gold & Silver Plate, and as many Planchets of Copper as we can get — It would have been very pleasing to me to have had our Coin struck by able Artists, if Policy & the national Prejudices permitted it, but this was found impracticable —

The greatest Difficulty I have experienced is in the Dies — Much of this proceeds from want of good Steel — If you send me a Ton of the best kind, it would greatly oblige me indeed — Your friendly & generous Communication relative to the hardening of Dies, demands my most cordial thanks — We have practised hitherto on the same Principles, excepting the Oil or Tallow in the last part of the Business, which in my Opinion will be great Improvement — I am much obliged by your Resolution to ship me ten Tons of Planchets, the Bills now sent will fully reimburse you, and I will be careful to keep you in Cash for all you may send hereafter — I beg you will not let any Opportunity slip to keep us well supplied, as I have been sometime wholly de. as to the Coinage of Copper: and as to the Price, if we get the Copper as cheap as other People, it is all we can expect —

We are making some Endeavours to obtain Copper in this Country, particularly at Schuylers Mines in New Jersey — There is nothing in the Way but Water — I hope when our North Western Country is opened a little more, that we shall be able to supply your Market with ore, as there is an immense Body of it on the upper part of Lake Erie —

I would be much obliged to you for an Estimate of the Expence of a Steam Engine equal to twelve Horses continually at Work — I should be glad to know what sort of Crankles you find the best, and to have a sample of a few Dozen of a good sort —

I have had it in Contemplation to request you to let me have an Estimate of the Expence of a Mint correspondent in all its parts, but on a small Scale, to be executed by you & sent out here with

Math^r. Boulton

with full Directions for putting it up, including the Engine &c &c. You could
furnish me with such an Estimate, accompanying it with such Instructions
Explanations as would enable me to induce Congress to agree to it, I should
be much obliged, as it might render the Business more expeditious &
easy in future - I am led to this request by the hint you have given
me of your making one for the Empress of Russia -

I am &c

(signed) Elias Boudinot

Mat Boulton

Mint of the U. States July 3rd 1799.

Sir

The Adriana

Your favour of the Amelia with 60 Casks of Planchets came
safely to hand, weighing 199^{lb} 2^{oz} 21^{gr}, which with the Expenses &c &c amounts
to £1610. 7. 5. Stul. These Planchets come very high, but we must submit

Dupl. of Packet

to existing Circumstances, and all I can ask, is to have them at the lowest
market price. The enclosed Certificate of the Brig having sailed with an
armed Vessel, will enable you to recover 2^{pts} of £1000. (the sum insured)

Tripl. of Dr's Receipt

which will reduce your Demand for Copper to £1373. 7. 5 - So far you
tomy Letter of the 26th of March, enclosing Bills for £1150. which with £400
before paid makes 1550^l. leaving a Balance due to you of £28. 7. 5 -

Enclosed you have the first of two Sets of Bills of Exchange - one
drawn by David Stewart & Sons on Mess^{rs} Brickwood & Daniell for
£1100 - the other drawn by John Glasford on the Lords Commissioners
of his Majesty's Treasury for £500. making in the whole £1600 Stul.
payable at 60 Days sight. By the first fall Vessel will repeat my
Remittance in Expectation that I shall receive before the Winter sets
in, another Shipment too large amount -

I am extremely obliged to you for the Information contained
in your Letters, & have in consequence of the Hint you have given,
been pursuing the opening of some Mines that promise to be very pro-
ductive, if the high price of Labor does not suppress them - One
in Maryland promises great things - the Ore is easily raised -
produces a very pure Copper, almost as malleable as Gold, and at the
Rate of 60^{pts} of £ from the crude Ore - But if I could fall on an
eligible mode of smelting & rolling it into Sheets, I could get any
Quantity from the Spanish Main or the Brazil, almost as
cheap as Ballast for a Ship; but the Clippings that we have

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attempted to melt down & roll, have always been too brittle to answer any valuable purpose —

You would have received your Remittances with much greater Regularity, but from not ~~having~~ ^{having} heard from you for almost 16 Months (my last Letter this Mr Bayard having been returned, by reason of his having left England) — I had concluded you must have died, and just as I was about sending off an additional Sum about six Weeks ago, we were informed by a Letter from Mr King that your Government had prohibited the Exportation of Copper — I hope & so this the Enging into the State of the copper Mines with you, has removed all Doubts on the Subject, & that Copper will have fallen to its old price —

The Account you give of the State of your Health is very unpleasant; but I devoutly hope that by your next, I shall be informed of your perfect Restoration —

One Change in your Rent I wish to have explained, as it is the first of the kind I have yet had made against me — It is that of Duty & port Charges at Liverpool of £ 34. 4. 1. — I have not yet heard that Duty of this Nature is chargeable on the Export —

By the carelessness of the Capt. the Planchettes were put into a very wet part of the Ship, by which means about 1/2 part of them are almost spoiled — they must undergo an entire fresh bleaching, which I fear will lessen their Weight —

I have the honor to be with much Respect

Sir, Your Obedt^t M^t Serv^t

(signed) Elias Boudinot,

P.S. Could you not send me a couple of Pairs of half bent Planchettes, if so I would be much obliged — The Same is enclosed —

Mint of the U.S. Nov^r 6th 1799.M^r Nathl Boulton SirOriginal of Ship
Active.Duplicate of
Packet

I have the Honor of acknowledging the Rec^d of your
Favour of the 3^d of July, together with the 17 Sols of paper Blanchetts
amounting with the Charges as Paym^t Rec^d to £2983..16..8. Stal.
which is carried to your Credit & these Blanchetts have arrived
in the best order, & are a welcome Shipment. Enclosed you
have the proper Document to shew that the Swanwick sailed
with armed Vessels, & of course that we are entitled to the return
of 2 Pls. which you will be so good as to carry to the Credit of y^r Mint.

We have been so deranged by the dreadful repeated
Visitation of the Yellow Fever, that our business cannot be trans-
acted with the usual Punctuality. We are just getting into
Operation again, after an absence of two Months - and as
the public Officers are but just returning, & not yet quite
settled, it is with some Difficulty lest you should be
wholly disappointed, that I have sent you enclosed a Bill
in Brickwoods, & Daniel, London, drawn in favour of Rec^d
G. G. Bond at 90 Days Sight by David Stewart & Sons of Balti-
more for £1251..11. Stal. which when honored, I beg you to
pay to the Credit of the Mint - and I hope by some winter
Ship to send you Bills to cover a spring Shipment.

I am preparing to lay before Congress an entire new Plan
of a Mint, as I am dissatisfied with our present Establishment -
to enable me to do this with Ease & Speed, will you be so good as to let me know
what you will charge for a complete Apparatus of a Mint on your now
best approved Plan, with a Steam Engine equal to the force of 8 Horses
constantly at work - the whole shipped on board a Vessel bound to
this Port, so that Congress may have a View of the entire Expence,
by adding the Freight & Insurance.

There is an Opposition in Congress with the Minority to the
Mint - it may rate therefore it will be necessary for me to have
an accurate Estimate of all the Expences attending it, that the
extent of the Advance may be known, as, if Congress should come
into the Measure, an express Appropriation may be made for it, as
no Money can be issued from our Treasury without it.

I am &c

Matthew Boulton Esq.

Elias Boudinot Dⁿ

Master's Certificate

Post. — This Letter has been detained from the Difficulty of obtaining Bills of Exchange, which from a number of concurring Circumstances have been in a curious State of Indistinction, between drawing & refusing to draw, waiting for the turn of Events, and at last have been obliged to send to Baltimore, where none could be got under 40 Days sight — and they have reduced the sum I sent for by £50. for their own Purposes — I shall renew the Remittance in a short Time

Dec^r 21st 1799.

Document
referred to in the
above —
Consul of Cap^t
Rich^d Kirkbride
of Ship's Swornwick



I Peter Lohr, Notary Public for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, residing in the City of Philad^a. by lawful Authority duly commissioned and sworn Do hereby certify & attest unto all whom it doth concern — That on the 30th Day of Sept^r last, before me personally appeared Cap^t Richard Kirkbride Master of the Ship called the Swannick & duly noted his Test, & that on the 25th Day of Oct^r following, again appeared before me, the before named Master, together with J^r M^r Curdy 2^d Mate & Carpenter, & J^r Scott Boatwain on board of S^d Vessel who being by me severally duly sworn according to Law, did respectively solemnly depose & say, that on or about the 22^d Day of July in this present Year they sailed with the S^d Vessel from Liverpool bound for this Port of Philad^a. a fleet of armed Vessels being in Company destined for various Ports in the United States of America that in course of the S^d Voyage they encountered several Gales of Wind & a good deal of stormy Weather — and that they arrived here safe on the 28th Sept^r aforesaid —



In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my Hand & affixed my notarial Seal the 12th Day of Nov^r 1799.

signed Peter Lohr as

Wm. B. Coulton Sir

Mint of the U.S. 26th April 1800.

It is with much anxiety that I have missed several late Opportunities to write you, but a tedious Fit of the Gout & some Delays in Congress have prevented my performing my Promise by writing by prior Opportunities. I trust however that you have already ~~heard~~, or will have before this reaches you, shipped me a fresh Supply of Blanchelets, as we are just out, and shall have some idle Hands about us till another Importation.

Duplicate
of the Blanchelets

Enclosed you have the first of a Set of Bills of Exchange drawn by Alexander Baring on Messrs. J^r & Francis Baring & Co^{rs} London, dated this day for £2000 Sterling & payable in 60 Days, which you will be pleased to carry to the Credit of the Mint.

I hope the Bills last sent you, drawn by Stewart & Son have been honored. Since drawing them, the Hambrough Firms have so affected that House, that they were obliged to call their Creditors together, who finding their Affairs in such good Order, have agreed that they shall go on & settle their own Business, and there is no Doubt but they will yet do very well; but still it has given me some Uneasiness lest you should be disappointed. Yet should be the Case, I will replace them as soon as I have Notice of their being protested. Mr Stewart writes me that he hopes they will be honored, as a Set that arrived a Week before it is probable they did, have been honored.

I am &c &c

signed Elias Boudint, D. M.

Wm. B. Coulton

Sir

Mint of the U.S. 16 May 1800.

The above is a copy of my last to which I beg leave to refer. Since that I have rec^d yours of the 7th Inst^l enclosing the Protest of the Bill drawn by Stewart & Son for non acceptance. Mr Stewart is in hopes it will be paid when due, as he is again doing very well. I am very sorry for this unhappy Accident, which could not be foreseen, as when I procured the Bill, they were in the first Credit; but I am under no apprehension of being a loser at last.

Messrs. Boulton

I shall endeavor to be more attentive in future - I trust that the rise in the Copper has not prevented your sending me out a fresh Shipment of Plan-chetts - I shall be anxiously expecting them every day as we are now going out and many hands on Bay - I shall be glad to hear from you by every opportunity -

I am Sir &c.

Signed Elias Boudinot D.M.

Messrs. Boulton

Sir

Mint of the U.S. July 2^d 1800.

The above is Copy of my last to which I refer - Since which I am very happy to have rec^d your favour of the 19th April 1800 enclosing an Invoice of 64 Casks copper Planchets, but without the Rec^d of Charges. These have come to hand in good Order, by which I am much obliged, & hope to receive another Shipment by the next Vessel - I am anxious to know the final Fate of the Bull drawn by Stewart & Sons - It is his Opinion that it will be paid at Maturity, which prevents my sending another Remittance by this opportunity as Exchange is very high, but if the final Protest arrives, I shall immediately send you a Remittance for your whole balance, with a sum towards future Shipments -

I have the Honor &c.

Signed Elias Boudinot D.M.

Messrs. Boulton

Messrs. Boulton Esq.

Birmingham

Sir

Mint of the U.S. Augth 8th 1800.

The Director of the Mint being out of Town, is the reason of his not writing to you by this opportunity - In the mean time by his Direction I enclose you a Certificate of the Brig Pomona having sailed with partial Emory, which I hope will enable you to recover the Premium on Insurance -

Yours &c.

Mint of the U. States. Augth 29th 1800.

Sir

Mess^{rs} Brewster.

I have duly rec^d the Bill & Order of David Munn & Sons, which I shall endeavour to recover. In order to replace it, I now enclose the first Bill of another Lett. viz. one drawn by James Ward on T. Downing & Co. for one of Philips, Hammond & Co. of 1st Augth 260 Days, sight for £1000. —
 one drawn by Nicklin, Griffiths & Co. on same day of 2nd Augth — p. 261 p. 14. 1
 Together total £1764. 14. 1

which I beg you will carry to the Credit of the Mint. I hope you have forwarded another Shipment of copper Planchets, &c. for this. The last turned out very well, but have nearly coined them all up. I expect the Mail for the Packet is ready to be sent away, therefore cannot add, but have the Honor &c.

Signed

Elias Boudinot D. U.

Sir

Mint of the U. States 3rd Dec^r 1800.Mess^{rs} Brewster.

I am under many apprehensions of being idle this Winter for want of Planchets; so many Vessels having arrived from Liverpool and not a Line from you. I have been in daily Expectation of hearing the Date of my last Remittance of £2000 Sterl. which I trust has been paid long &c. for this. I have great Confidence that you have made me a large Shipment by some fall Vessel, otherwise we shall be in a disagreeable State thro^{ut} the Winter. I beg to hear from you by the first Opportunity.

I am &c.

Elias Boudinot D. U.

Malt Boulton Sir

Duplicate
p. Packet

Duplicate

p. Woodrop Jones
via London.p. 4th Copy
p. Ship Swallow
via Liverpool

Mint of the United States
Jan^y 22^d 1801.

Your favour of the 24th ult. has just got safe to hand. — I have been in daily expectation of receiving a supply of copper Planchelets from you and the disappointment is very great, as well as the loss, having many thousands that must be often unemployed for want of them. — The use of copper with you is great indeed, and I scarcely know what to say on the occasion; but I believe, at all events you must send me out by the very first vessel (if not already done) about five tons of Planchelets at the lowest price you can obtain it. — In the mean time I will consult the President and advise you further on the subject.

I am in haste, Sir, your &c.

(signed) Elias Boudinot. D.M.

Malt Boulton Sir

Original
p. PacketDuplicate p.
Woodrop Jones
via London.Duplicate
p.
Ship Swallow
via Liverpool.Mint of the United States
May 12th 1801.

The above is copy of my last letter, since which, I have not heard a word from you till, a week or two ago your letter of January 31st came to hand by the March Packet. — Where it has been so long I cannot conceive. — Your long silence had left me in great doubt what to depend upon, and the want of Planchelets in the fall has been a very great loss to us, in having many of our hands idle or nearly so. — I am much pleased to find that I may daily expect 30 tons of Planchelets, ordered from the date of your letter they ought to have arrived long before this. — We have had several arrivals from Liverpool, and I am disappointed in not having the last account of the shipment having been made. This leaves me in great uncertainty, but that you may be reimbursed as speedily as possible, I endorse you Mr. Alexander Baring's first of Exchange at 60 days on St. Francis Baring & Co of London in favor of James Ford for £ 4000 Pounds, and endorsed by him in your favor. The bill is dated the 9th instant and is accompanied with a letter of advice which when honored you will be so good as to carry to my account as Director of the Mint of the U.S. — As soon as I can ascertain the quantity you have shipped, I will remit the balance. — I must beg you will not neglect to make me a shipment of at least fifteen tons by some fall ship, and give me early advice of your intentions, that I may make early remittance.

I have the honor to be, Sir, your &c.
(signed) Elias Boudinot. D.M.

The Honble
Rufus King Esq.
Minister plenipo-
tentiary of the
United States at
the Court of St
James. London.

Sir,

Mint of the United States ~~London~~
May 15th 1801.

The Interests of the United States being considerably involved in the subject of this letter, must be my apology for giving you the trouble of an attention to it.

Mr. Boulton of Soho near Birmingham being my agent for supplying the Mint with Copper Planchetts, we have been in daily expectation of a shipment for near a twelve month past. I received a letter from him dated 21 January last excusing his neglect, and informing me, that he had near 20 Tons ready, and that they would go by the next vessel, and during that a remittance for this amount might be immediately hastened. — I did not receive this letter till this month. — We have been expecting them by every vessel, but have hitherto been disappointed, altho' 6 or 7 vessels have arrived. — This has been a material injury to the Institution, as the men are often idle for want of employ. — Exchange being low I purchased £ 4000 Sterling on bills, and enclosed them to Mr. Boulton, but two or three vessels arriving since and not a line from him, and knowing that he is an old man, I have feared that his death has been the cause of this unaccountable delay. — It is to prevent any loss to the United States, if so unhappy an event has taken place, that I have thought it best to enclose the letter open to you, which I must beg your attention to. — If Mr. Boulton should be in life and he informs you that the shipment is made, you can forward the letter sealed and the bills indorsed by you to him — If not, I must beg your presenting the bills for acceptance and payment and lodge the money in some safe hand to wait my further order or that of the Director of the Mint for the time being, unless, whoever succeeds, Mr. Boulton will furnish the Planchetts of which we are in great want indeed — in that case the bills or money may be paid to him on account of the U.S. — I hope this will not be troublesome to you. — indeed, I would not have taken this liberty, could I have omitted it consistent with my duty to the U.S.

I am, Sir, your &c

(signed) Elias Boudinot, D. M.

Original
per Rachel.

Duplicate per
Woodrope Sims

Duplicate
per ship Fanny

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Math^l Boulton Sir,
Esq.

Mint of the U^l States
June 12th 1801.

Original
per Hercules.
Duplicate
per Rose
Triplicate
per Swanwick
via
Liverpool.

A few weeks past I received your last favour dated 31st January, since which I have forwarded you thro^g M^r King our minister plenipotentiary \$4,000 ~~on~~ on account. But altho' your letter gave me the greatest reason to believe that a shipment of 20 or 30 Tons of Planchette would be made by the first spring vessel, yet after the arrival of 6 or 8 from Liverpool I am without a line from you. — The disadvantage and real loss that this want of punctuality puts us to, is very disagreeable indeed. If we cannot fall on some ~~greater~~ degree of certainty in our supplies, I must provide some other mode of obtaining them, as by this means it increases the original cost 40 or 50 p^{ts} above what it would otherwise be. — I confess my fear is great, lest some accident has been the cause of this delay, which I greatly deprecate. — In hopes of hearing from you very shortly

I am, Sir, your very W^ll. se
Elias Brudinot D. M.

Matthew Boulton
Esq.

Mint of the United States
June 17th 1801.

Original per ~~W^ll~~
rose June 18th 1801.
Duplicate
per Rose.

I am yet without the best knowledge of any shipment of plan-
chets, as your letter of 31st Jan^y last gave me reason to ~~not~~ expect. Our hands
are idle, and the want of punctuality will occasion a very great expense.

I am, Sir, your se
Elias Brudinot D. M.

Triplicate
per
Ship Swanwick
via
Liverpool.

Mint of the U^l States July 14th 1801.

Matthew Boulton.
Original
per ship Swanwick
via
Liverpool.
Duplicate
per
Ship Eliza, via
Liverpool.
Triplicate, per ship
Rose, via Liverpool.
per ship
via
Liverpool.

Sir,
It was not till yesterday that your letters of 21st and 23rd ^{much} came to hand with the two shipments of Copper planchets amounting to \$7745. 9. 3. Sterls. which sum is carried to your credit accordingly. Not being able to account for the unexpected delay of this shipment and not having heard from you so long, I was apprehensive of your death, and therefore enclosed my last, copy of which is above, to our minister M^r King to be forwarded in case I was happily mistaken, which I rejoice exceedingly is the case. — We have suffered greatly in point of interest on account of the surprising delay of this shipment. I beg you will

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Matthew Boulton

and to great satisfaction. — I will endeavour to make as further remittance by the Spirit Packet if possible. — I shall expect you will repeat your Shipment to the amount of about 20 or 25 Tons in the first Spring exports.

I sincerely congratulate you on the blessings of peace, which you more have visited your flourishing Island. — May it long continue! — I hope it for granted that the great demand for Copper now arising, the price will be in some measure reduced.

I am, Sir, with great respect

your very humble servant

(signed) Elias Boudinot D. M.

Matthew Boulton

Esq.

Original

* Ship America

via Liverpool together with the 20 bushels of Copper for the Ship America, say

Duplicate for Packet

Duplicate for Packet

Packet.

Sir

Mint of the United States
Philad. 23 July 1802.

Your favor of 14th & 18th April last came duly to hand, but yet 7 Tons 0. 1. 12. and you say you will by the first opportunity send more, so as to make the whole quantity amount to 20 Tons. This I shall be glad to receive as soon as convenient. — You will please to wait my orders in regard of any Copper to be shipped after that quantity.

I am Sir

Your very obedient servant.

(signed) Elias Boudinot D. M.

August 31st 1802.

The Ship Tom is just arrived with 20 bushels, containing 4 Tons 15. 1. 9 Copper Blanchette, which are not yet landed.

Matthew Boulton

Esq.

Original by the Clerks for

Duplicate for

Duplicate for

Duplicate for

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Duplicate for

Sir,

Mint of the United States
Philad. 23rd 10th March 1803.

I have not been able to write you sooner as Congress have been for some time debating on the Mint whether it should be continued or not. It is now resolved to be continued. I must therefore request you to ship me during next summer about thirty Tons of Copper Blanchette. — It would be best, if you could send them in two Parcels, say about fifteen Tons each, the first of which you will please send as soon

Mr. Bonden.

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as you can, the latter may follow as most convenient. I desire that you should ship about Two Tons in half bents with each Invoice, so as to make Ten Tons in half bents and Twenty Tons in bents.

I have the honor to be with great respect

Sir,

Your very humble servant

(Signed) Elias Bonden, D. M.

Matthew Bonden

Original

by John & Ann

Dispositive Packet.
June 5th

Triplicate for
Dispositive Packet
one each & duplicate

Minist. of the United States
Philad^a 25th May 1804. —

Sir
I wrote you the 10th March 1803, since which your two Invoices of Copper are duly received, and for which the Treasurer of the Mint informs he has remitted your payment in full.

You will please ship to my address, as soon as convenient, further quantity of Copper, say about Twenty Tons, of which the one half to be for bents, and the remainder for half bents. —

I observe that the bents & half bents of your last Invoices run in general too heavy, more especially the half bents: this you will please to observe in future, as the bents ought not to exceed 7 cwt. and the half bents 3 cwt 12 grains. — I will thank you to give me advice as soon as you receive my orders, otherwise I am kept in uncertainty whether you mean to ship or not, as likewise of the price of Copper, which by your last advice to the Treasurer I observe had risen very much.

The boxes also in which the Copper comes are much too slightly made, as scarcely one in ten will bear repacking; if this can be remedied without an augmentation of the price it will be much better. —

I am Sir

Yours &c

(Signed) Elias Bonden

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Matthew Boulton
Lons near Birmingham
England

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Sir,

Min^{ty} of the U.S. States
Philad^a 2^d October 1806.

Original per
Bristol Packet
via Liverpool
per Ship Liverpool
via Liverpool
per Ship Liverpool
via Liverpool
per Ship Liverpool
via Liverpool

I have thought it necessary to write to you respecting any
supply of further supplies of Copper platelets which may be wanted for coinage
of the Min^{ty} of the U.S. States, as I find by your letters to my predecessor
Mr. John Adams that you have been in the habit of supplying Copper
platelets for that purpose for a considerable time. — The latest date of your
letter is the 5th February 1805 addressed to the Treasurer of the
Min^{ty}, in which you inform him that Copper had risen to
£ 14 per Ton and very difficult to be obtained in a state of Lake
and that you would recommend his abstaining from any further
importation for 2 years to come &c. — As we have been very busy
at coining precious metals, we have not been able to attend much to
the coinage of Copper, so that part of the last Invoice received
from you remains still on hand, and will probably last till
next spring. — The purpose of the present is to enquire of you,
what the price of Copper at present is with you & at what rate
it could be furnished to the Min^{ty} in the same state as hitherto,
and also what prospects there may be of the rate it might be
furnished at in the ensuing spring. — If you should decline fur-
nishing any more yourself, perhaps you may know of some
other person in England who ^{would} undertake it, in which case I
would thank you to speak to him and direct him to send forward
the statement of the terms on which he would send it. If there
be any additional Government or Shipping charges on it, I
should likewise wish to be informed of it, in order to know
whether ~~whether~~ it would answer for me, to order a further
supply to be made in the ensuing spring. Your speedy infor-
mation will much oblige Yours &c

(signed) Robert Patterson D. A. S.

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Mind of the U.S. Hab.
Phil^a 2^d March 1804.

Ed. Boudin

Edin^g near Birmingham
Eng^land.

Sir,

1 copy by
the Ship Almond last

in answer to a letter from me of the 3^d of October on the sub-
ject of a further supply of Copper platelets for this institution.

Duplicate of you mention, that the expected advance in the price of Copper, which
by the you had anticipated, took place to the full extent, but that a very
considerable and rapid decline has, however, since occurred and that
it may now be purchased on the terms of your last supply, or that
even a further depreciation may probably be reckoned upon.

The modification which you propose in the terms of
payment, viz: that, instead of transmitting it on the receipt of
the copper, it shall now be made by a bill upon the shipment
thereof, I cannot help considering as somewhat extraordinary and
as betraying a want of confidence, for which no just cause has
been given. My wish is, however, that you would send me, as
soon as possible, Twenty Tons of Copper platelets viz: Fifteen
Tons of Cents and Five Tons of Half Cents - and you
will please to take care, that the Cents platelets do not exceed
the weight of Seven stat^l, and the Half Cents 3½ stat^l the
weight fixed by law. The maximum price I would limit to that
of your last invoice dated September 1st 1804. viz: 144 Shillings per
Cwt., relying with entire confidence on your assurance, that
you will use every exertion in your power to procure the supply
of Copper on the most economical terms."

A credit will be procured on some person in London
of whom you will be duly advised and on whom you may draw
upon the shipment of the Copper, for the amount of the invoice,
a copy of which with one of the bills of lading you will please
to transmit to him along with the draft.

The Insurance I will have made either here or by

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our agent in London.

Math. Boulton

I request you will please to write me on the receipt of this, stating at what time and on what terms the shipment will probably be made.

I have to request also, that you would inform me whether you could furnish us (procure), and upon what terms a pair of cast-iron rollers of about ten inches long and of a suitable diameter, finished in the best manner and mounted in a strong iron frame. They are intended for the last operation in rolling the silver and gold strips previous to their being cut into plaques. An extra pair of rollers fitted to the same frame would also be desirable.

With assurances of my great respect and esteem

I remain

Yours &c.

(signed) Robert Patterson D. M.

P. M.

This P. S. was inserted in the slip of the above letter.

P. S.

The Rollers are to be about ten inches long on the face, and six inches and three Eighths in thickness or diameter. They have these kind of Rollers are made use of by the Platers in England. We have some of them in use, they are as hard as steel and can be made, well polished and exactly set.

(R. Patterson D. M.)

Mathew Boulton
Solihull near Birmingham
England

Minst of the U. States
Philad. 21st October 1840.

Sir,

I have seen your letter of the 21st August to the Treasurer of the Mint, in which you mention that you would afford to supply the Mint with an invoice of Copper at the rate of £150 per Ton. This is more than has any time been given, & almost too much to purchase at, but as it is not likely to become cheaper shortly, I will even take an invoice of Copper not exceeding that rate, or as much lower

W. R. Britton you can make it, if any reduction in the price of Copper should take place by the time you make the shipment.

You will therefore please have prepared with all convenient speed Twenty Tons of Copper planchets for beads only, & forward them by the first good American vessel for this place. — I have again to call your attention respecting the planchets being made heavier than required; they should not exceed seven Pennyweights a piece, & the edges should be more raised in the milling or rounding. — The Insurance to be made by yourself at Customary. — I will take care to remit your funds by the time I expect that the shipment will be made. — Let the costs be substantial, in which the Copper is packed.

Original p. Ship Wagon
via Liverpool
Duplicate p. Mr. Smith
via Liverpool

I am respectfully

your very obedient servant

/signed/ Robert Patterson, Esq.

Matthew R. Britton Esq.

Birmingham

England

England

XXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXX

I have duly received your letter of the 24th August last, in which you refer me to your letter of the 10th August last, in which you request of me to forward to you the Twenty Tons of Copper planchets for the use of the Mint at the rate of 7th p. lb. and also that you would agree to pay for the insurance at the exceeding appraisement value your property.

Matthew R. Britton Esq.
Soho near Birmingham
England

Mint of the United States
Phila. 12th Dec. 1811

Sir

The Treasurer of the Mint has duly received your favor of the 3rd August last, in which you acknowledge the receipt of the bill of Exchange which I hope have been duly paid.

I have now to request that by the first American Ship from Liverpool for this place, you will please ship the twenty tons of Copper planchets for the Mint of the United States. The insurance to be made by yourself in the usual manner.

Let
H. R. Boulton

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This Shipment being ordered with the consent
of the American Government, you may inform
the Captain that he will be under no difficult
ties as respects the non importation Law
in receiving it.
You will please to send the
regular invoice and your account current,
to shew what balance will be yet owing to
you, which will be remitted to you as soon
as it can conveniently be done.

I am very respectfully
your very obt. Servt

R. Patterson.

original by Sir.
the Brig. Part by the
way - both -
Duplicate by
Ship America State
via Liverpool
Ship (Duplicate)
from American via
Liverpool.....

Albert Gallatin
Secretary of the Treasury
Sir,

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West of the United States April 6, 1812

✓ In consequence of your Letter of the 6th of Decr. last informing me that you had laid my Letter of the 22^d Nov. before the President, and that he appeared of my riding to the United States the Copper intended for the Mint and belonging to the publick, which was then in Great Britain, I immediately wrote to Mr. Donisthorpe your hon. the Secretary, in order to that effect — Accordingly the Copper plate sheets contained in 120 casks, have arrived at this port, from Liverpool in the American Ship Ann Maria, Capt. James Cooper, and Mr. Steele the Collector of this port, waits for your Orders to exonerate the Ship and Copper from the penalties of the Nonimportation Law, and admit her to enter at the custom house, which are most respectfully solicited by

Yours most Obedt Servant
W^m Patterson

The Hon^{ble}

Albert Gallatin

Secretary of the Treasury

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Duplicate
Matthew R Boulton

Philadelphia 21st May 1812

Sir,

The copper for the Ann Maria is arrived, and I have examined your account consistent with the Memo. I find that you have not made the usual discount of 2 1/2% per Cent in the Invoice, as has been done in the two Invoices preceding, and which in the performance Invoice this Copper is mentioned at the bottom. As the remittances made come into your hands before the payment for the copper was actually due, I am of opinion that this should be allowed. I have therefore had your account stated anew which I now enclose. You will find yourself charged with the aforesaid discount and credited with the additional export duty on £336, short charged in your Invoice, and also credited with Interest on the balance of your account from 30th Septemb: to the 30th Septemb: next, tho it is probable that you will receive the Money before that time, which leaves the balance due to you £363.4.5 Sterling.

For this amount I now enclose you Robert Charlton's draft on William Bursles London £60 Days sight, which you will please carry to the credit of this Account when received. Please to let me know whether this statement is agreeable to your expectations.

Yours very respectfully

Ag^t: Robert Patterson D. L.

Matthew R Boulton Esq
Soho near Birmingham
England

Enclosed for Robert Charlton Esq
June 9th 1812
my agent Robert Patterson and for me as by W. R. Boulton

Sir

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Mont. of the United States June 9, 1812.

Edward
Tiffin Esq
Commissioner
of the
Land Office

Your letter of the 8th in the subject of a Seal for the General Land
Office established in the Treasury Department, has been received
and its contents shall be strictly attended to, subject to a few
modifications, which I shall take the liberty of proposing for
your approbation.
A seal of lead, for obvious reasons, is far preferable to one of
silver, whether it be used with or without a wafers, and what
will be less than $\frac{1}{4}$ of an inch in thickness (2) the drawing
of the plough in the pattern you sent, is considered as require
ing some correction. (3) The Birds, which is presumed must
have been intended for an eagle, as being that with the
oval & coins of the U. States, is certainly susceptible of
much improvement.

When you shall signify your pleasure
respecting the above points, the work shall be un-
der taken & executed with as much expedition as
possible
As the artist must cut the seal as such work a
moderate compensation will be allowed

I am Sir
with great respect
your Obedt Servt

Signed R. Patterson.

The Honble
Edward Tiffin
Commissioner of the Land Office
of the U. States

Paul Revere
Son
respecting
Copper

Sir,

Mint of U. States June 19. 1812

✓

I have duly received yours of the 5th on the subject of
Copper cent planchets. You desired to be informed "what the
imported planchets have cost per pound, including all charges"

The last importation of 20 Tons of cent planchets in
including all charges, &c. &c. arrived in Philadelphia
cost \$750 per Ton (33 3/4 Cents per lb) & the former im-
portation average about \$300 per Ton.

I shall be glad to hear from you as
soon as possible as I wish to be furnished with
20 Tons of cent planchets before the winter sets
in our river.

Yours respectfully

Signed

R. Patterson

Paul Revere Son

Director
appointed
G. B. Mather
acted as
Treas.

Mint of U. States April 28. 1813

The Office of Treasurer of the Mint now vacant
by the death of the late Treasurer Doctor Benjamin
Brush, I appoint Mr. George B. Fenwick as Vice
Treasurer, to perform all the duties of said Office
during its vacancy.

R. Patterson Director

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Ment of the U. States Feb. 3, 1814

Director The Office of Chief coiners in the Mint having
appointed become vacant by the death of the late chief,
A. Eckfeldt. Coiner Mr. Henry Wright, it is my desire that all the
to act as duties of this office be performed by Mr. William
C. Coiner Eckfeldt, the present Assistant coiner during its
Vacancy

R Patterson Director

The President of the United States

Ment of the United States Feb. 3, 1814

Sir,

It has become my duty to announce to
you the decease of another officer of the Mint.

Mr. Henry Wright, the Chief coiner, who died yesterday
evening, Mr. William Eckfeldt, the Assistant Coiner
has been employed in the business of the Mint
from the very commencement of its operations; is
perfectly acquainted with the construction & repairs of
all its various machinery, and has, for a considerable
time discharged all the active duties connected with
the coining department, in the most able & satisfactory
manner. He has been an active & useful member
of Common Council, ever since the organization
of the democratic party in this city; and is
highly & discernedly esteemed by all his patriotic
fellow citizens.

I would therefore, Sir, with all the
other officers of the Mint, most respectfully solicit
his appointment to the vacant office of Chief coiner; for
which, I am persuaded no person can be found better
qualified. If this appointment should take place, an assist-
ant coiner will no longer be necessary; & thus his salary of a
thousand dollars per annum, will be saved to the public.

The President of the United States

I have the honor to be Sir, R Patterson

50th 11th Secretary of the Treasury
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Mont of the U. S. at City 26th July 1814

Adam Eckfeldt having been duly appointed
to the Office of Chief Coiner of the Mint, in the
room of Henry Bright dec^d and an Act of Congress, passed
the 3^d of March 1794, requiring that "previous to his en-
tering upon the execution of his Office he should become
bound to the United States of America, with one or
more sureties, to the satisfaction of the Secretary of the
Treasury in the sum of five thousand dollars, with
condition for the faithful and diligent performance
of the duties of his Office." I have sent you the Bonds
which he has accordingly given. Both the sureties
are persons of great respectability, & of property of very
considerable real estate, & I doubt not will be con-
sidered as satisfactory.

I have the Honor to be
Sir, Your obed^t faithful Serv^t
D^y R. Patterson

The Smith
The Secretary of the Treasury

Matthew
Boulton Esq

United States
Philadelphia 8th March 1815

Sir

Peace being again happily restored betwixt
The United States and great Britain. I have to regret
that you would prepare Two Tons of Copper Cent
Planchetts, such as you have formerly furnished
for this establishment; and send them, as soon as
possible, in some American Vessel from Liverpool
to Philadelphia, making insurance as heretofore

You will be very careful that the weights
of the planchett shall not on an average exceed
seven and a half; that the edges be milled or turned up
more approaching to a square ~~form~~ than the last; and
that they be put up in good cases

In receiving this, you will please to acquaint
me with the rate at which the planchett will
be furnished, and whether you will require pay-
ment to be made at their shipment; or a
promissory, to be transmitted on their arrival
here - and measures will be taken accordingly

If the price should be reasonable, I shall
want fifteen or twenty tons more - respecting which
I shall, however, acquaint you, on the receipt of
your letter in reply to this

I am Sir most respectfully
your humble servant

Matthew B. Boulton Esq
Soho, near Birmingham
England

B. Patterson

Original for, Ship clothes Capt. Abley
Duplicate Ship Superior - Hamletton
Triplicate Ship Lancaster - Jackson } via
Liverpool

Compt. to inqul. ransom piers.

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W. H. L. S.

Franklin D. Richards

Paris

Dist. J. & P. of

the U. States

William H. L. S.

Commissioner of

the U. States

at the U. States

at the U. States

Mint of the United States

Philad. & March 28th 1815

Please to take notice that an adjourned

meeting of the Commissioners for paying the

debt of the past year of whom by Lawgivers

are and will meet at the Mint on Monday

the 3 day of April next at 10 o'clock to proceed

the execution of that trust

I am with great respect &c

J. R. Patterson

Matthew R. Boulton Esq^r

John, near Birmingham

England

Mint of the United States

July 5th 1815

Sir

A few days ago I rec^d your letter of the 1st May, acknowledging the receipt of mine of the 5th March, ordering Five tons of Copper and One hundred and thirty cwt of the contents immediately communicated to the Secretary of the Treasury, who has ordered a bill of exchange for £1000. to be purchased and then to be transmitted to you by the first opportunity.

In the mean time I embrace the opportunity by a vessel just about to sail from this port to Liverpool, to give you the above information and to request that you would prepare and send here, with all practical expedition, Twenty tons more of Copper and one hundred cwt of the contents, making the whole 25 tons, assuring you that payment will be made with all possible regularity.

You will please to acknowledge the receipt of this, and inform me at what time you will be ready to make the shipment. If the whole or greater part could be sent over this fall, it would be very agreeable.

Yours most respectfully

J. R. Patterson

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Ship John Brown

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